

# South Dakota LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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## ***PORK PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR***

**SIOUX FALLS, August 22, 2003** – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 81.0 million pounds during July, up 7 percent from one year ago and up 10 percent from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For July, pork production was up, while sheep and lamb production was down from one year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 382,200 head during July compared to 346,000 head last year. Average live weight was 258 pounds, which was down 6 pounds from July 2002. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 381,400 head, which was comprised of 8,400 sows and 372,900 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,500 head during July compared to 1,700 head last year. Average live weight was 122 pounds, which was up 11 pounds from July 2002. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,300 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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